

Slough SACRE - Draft Annual Report

2017 - 2018

A short explanation of SACRE

SACRE is the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

Each local authority is required to support and fund a SACRE

A SACRE:

- Advises the local authority on matters relating to the teaching of religious education and collective worship
- Has the responsibility to advise on the methods of teaching and resourcing religious education
- Has the authority to grant determinations to schools which have applied to have daily worship which is other than broadly Christian in character
- Has the responsibility for providing an Agreed Religious Education Syllabus and revising it every 5 years

Partnership Working

Slough SACRE works with NASACRE (the National Association of SACREs)

Slough is also a member of the Pan Berkshire hub of six SACRES that work together in order to give a cohesive approach to religious education and collective worship across the county.

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the main areas of concern dealt with during the past year.

Minutes of this year's meetings, the terms of reference and make up of the SACRE can be found at: [http://www.slough.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/standing-advisory-council-for-religious-education-\(sacre\).aspx](http://www.slough.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/standing-advisory-council-for-religious-education-(sacre).aspx)

Support for SACRE

The Slough SACRE is supported by:

Brian Crisell - Professional Adviser
Nadia Williams - Clerk to the SACRE

Slough SACRE

For the whole of the year the SACRE has been chaired by Julie Siddiqi with Hardip Singh Sohal as vice – chair. Brian Crisell has replaced Jan Lever as adviser to the SACRE.

Without doubt the topic which has occupied the greatest amount of time and energy this year has been the drafting, writing and launching of the new Agreed Syllabus.

The regular SACRE meetings have still gone ahead but after each of these there was a meeting of the Agreed Syllabus Conference.

The first meeting of the year was held at the Curve in Slough on Wednesday 8th November 2017, The March meeting was held at the council offices in Slough and the final meeting, in June was held at St Mary's Church in Slough.

In addition to these meetings a Berkshire Hub meeting was held a few weeks before each one for Chairs and Advisers from each SACRE.

The fine details of all of these meetings are (included in the agenda of the Slough SACRE meetings) which are available on the Borough web-site.

It was decided early on in the year that a data base of schools in the Borough should be constructed which gave the contact details of Heads of RE and RE subject leaders. It was felt that this would help with communication and allow SACRE to contact schools – especially the 'right' person in each school more effectively.

The construction of this data base was fairly time consuming and to date has been successful in identifying either the Head of RE or the RE subject leader in 62% of all schools in the borough. In addition to this the Borough Music Service also asked to be included on the list.

This list became really useful when planning for the launch of the Agreed Syllabus. Many thanks go to Johnny Kyriacou for his help with this process.

Other issues which were discussed during the year included:

- Membership of SACRE and the filling of vacancies (A list of members and their attendance at meetings in 2017-2018 can be found in **Appendix 1**)
- Making more use of and extending the 'Crossing the Bridges' project
- Up-dates from NASACRE
- Discussions about GCSE results in different schools including why some schools did not enter students for any public examination and also what they taught students in years 10 & 11 about RE if the students were not entered into public examinations (**The details of the data for 2017-2018 were not yet released at the time of drafting this report**)

- Resources – there has not been any progress this year on the ordering of the resources held in storage at St Mary's CE Primary School.
- The recently released findings of the A final report from the independent Commission on Religious Education (CoRE), published in September, which calls on the Government to accept its national plan to transform the RE curriculum, which, it says, must better reflect the diversity of modern society. Pupils, it states, are also entitled to be taught by teachers who have "secure" subject knowledge; can address misunderstandings and controversial issues; "demonstrate a critical understanding" of developments in the study of religion and worldviews; and promote the value of scholarship.

Agreed Syllabus Conference

Finally, to report on the main event of the year which was the launch of the new Agreed Syllabus and has also been adopted by the five other boroughs in Berkshire.

The launch for Slough was held at the Eden Girls' school on Bath Road in Slough. Many thanks go to Karim Murcia and his staff for allowing this event to happen in their school on Thursday 12 July 2018.

About 50 teachers, head teachers, governors, and councillors attended the launch in the afternoon.

Julie Siddiqi, Chair of SACRE welcomed everybody along with Karim Murcia Head Teacher at Eden Girls' school.

Slough boroughs's Service Lead School Effectiveness, Johnny Kyriacou, talked about the importance of the Agreed Syllabus.

There were then talks by Anthony Lewis, British Humanist Association, on Humanism and Deep Kailey from Guru Maneyo Granth Gurdwara on Sikhism.

Participants were invited to talk and ask questions and refreshments were served.

At the time of writing all of the resources associated with agreed syllabus were being revised and updated.

**Membership of Slough Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
2017-2018**

Meetings: 8 November 2017, 7 March and 27 June 2018

Representing	Member	Meetings attended
Group A	Christian denominations and other religions	
Free churches	Sue Elbrow	3/3
Black Free Churches	Vacancy	
The Roman Catholic Church	Vacancy	
Baha'i	Vacancy	
Hinduism	Vacancy	
Islam	Julie Siddiqi	2/3
	Zubayr Abbas Bowkan	0/3
	Waqar Bhatti	2/3
	Vacancy	
Judaism	Vacancy	
Sikhism	Hardip Singh Sohal	3/3
	Ashpreet Singh Nainu	2/3
Group B	The Church of England	
	Rev Andrew Allen	2/3
	Christine Isles	2/3
	Andrea Sparrow	2/3
Group C	Associations representing teachers	
ASCL	Vacancy	
ATL	Vacancy	
NAHT	Vacancy	
NAS/UWT	Vacancy	
NUT	Lynda Bussley	1/3
VOICE	Linda Lewis	3/3
Group D	The Local Authority	
	Cllr Brooker	3/3
	Cllr Parmar	2/2
	Cllr Sarfraz	1/2
	Cllr Sohal	1/2
	Vacancy	
	Cllr Bains	1/1
	Cllr Bedi	1/1
	Cllr Sharif	1/1
	Cllr Smith	1/1
Clerk	Nadia Williams	3/3
Professional Adviser	Brian Crisell	3/3

Summary of Religious Studies/Education at Key Stage 4 & Key Stage 5: 2017/18

Subject: Religious Studies (4610) / Exam: GCSE (9-1) Full Course (391) - 2017/18

Centre	No on Roll	No of Entries	Number of Pupils													Percentage					
			9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U	X	9-5	9-4	9-1	Avg Pts	9-5	9-4	9-1	
Baylis Court School	151	151	15	26	49	27	16	8	7	3	-	-	-	-	133	141	151	6.5	88.1%	93.4%	100.0%
Beechwood School	138	10	1	1	4	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	8	9	10	6.4	80.0%	90.0%	100.0%	
Herschel Grammar School	153	153	12	44	27	32	20	8	8	2	-	-	-	135	143	153	6.5	88.2%	93.5%	100.0%	
Langley Grammar School	151	146	53	31	31	22	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	142	146	146	7.6	97.3%	100.0%	100.0%	
Slough and Eton CofE	170	165	9	16	21	33	25	23	21	13	1	3	-	104	127	162	5.2	63.0%	77.0%	98.2%	
St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School	116	116	41	29	18	15	7	4	1	1	-	-	-	110	114	116	7.5	94.8%	98.3%	100.0%	
St Joseph's Catholic High School	131	131	8	9	14	27	23	21	21	5	2	1	-	81	102	130	5.2	61.8%	77.9%	99.2%	
The Langley Academy	175	71	2	6	7	16	6	15	15	3	1	-	-	37	52	71	5.0	52.1%	73.2%	100.0%	
Upton Court Grammar School	142	141	13	42	37	28	10	8	3	-	-	-	-	130	138	141	6.9	92.2%	97.9%	100.0%	
Wexham School	154	16	-	-	2	2	3	4	3	2	-	-	-	7	11	16	4.4	43.8%	68.8%	100.0%	
Slough LA (State Funded)	1,481	1,100	154	204	210	204	115	96	80	29	4	4	0	887	983	1096	-	80.6%	89.4%	99.6%	

Subject: Religious Studies (4610) / Exam: GCSE Full Course (310) - 2017/18

Centre	No on Roll	No of Entries	Number of Pupils													Percentage				
			*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Q	U	X	A*-C	A*-G	Avg Pts	A*-C	A*-G		
Herschel Grammar School	153	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	38.3	100.0%	100.0%
Langley Grammar School	151	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	40.0	100.0%	100.0%	
St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School	116	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	38.8	100.0%	100.0%	
The Westgate School	172	171	6	19	38	39	25	26	10	8	-	-	-	102	171	50.0	59.6%	100.0%		
Slough LA (State Funded)	592	178	13	19	38	39	25	26	10	8	0	0	0	109	178	4.3	61.2%	100.0%		

Subject: Religious Studies (4610) / Exam: GCE A level (111) - 2017/18

Centre	No of Entries	Number of Pupils													Percentage		
		*	A	B	C	D	E	U	X	A*-A	A*-B	A*-E	Avg Pts	A*-A	A*-B	A*-E	
Baylis Court School	23	-	7	3	9	2	2	-	-	7	10	23	38.3	30.4%	43.5%	100.0%	
Beechwood School	4	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	0	3	4	40.0	0.0%	75.0%	100.0%	
Langley Grammar School	7	-	3	2	2	-	-	-	-	3	5	7	38.8	42.9%	71.4%	100.0%	
Slough and Eton CofE	11	-	-	4	4	2	-	1	-	0	4	10	50.0	0.0%	36.4%	90.9%	
St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School	10	-	2	3	3	1	1	-	-	2	5	10	40.6	20.0%	50.0%	100.0%	
St Joseph's Catholic High School	10	-	-	3	5	2	-	-	-	0	3	10	21.4	0.0%	30.0%	100.0%	
The Westgate School	14	-	-	4	6	2	2	-	-	0	4	14	33.3	0.0%	28.6%	100.0%	
Upton Court Grammar School	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	0	0	2	30.7	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	
Wexham School	5	-	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	0	1	5	28.8	0.0%	20.0%	100.0%	
Slough LA (State Funded)	86	0	12	23	31	12	7	1	0	12	35	85	-	14.0%	40.7%	98.8%	

Subject: Religious Studies (4610) / Exam: GCE AS level (121) - 2017/18

Centre	No of Entries	Number of Pupils										Percentage		
		A	B	C	D	E	Q	U	X	A-B	A-E	Avg Pts	A-B	A-E
Baylis Court School	6	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	4	6	19.2	66.7%	100.0%
Beechwood School	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	0	1	10.0	0.0%	100.0%
Herschel Grammar School	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	15.0	0.0%	100.0%
Langley Grammar School	6	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	20.8	100.0%	100.0%
Slough and Eton CofE	16	2	3	3	4	4	-	-	-	5	16	13.4	31.3%	100.0%
St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School	3	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	3	13.3	33.3%	100.0%
St Joseph's Catholic High School	34	2	2	8	9	10	3	-	-	4	31	10.3	11.8%	91.2%
The Westgate School	18	-	4	7	3	2	2	-	-	4	16	12.5	22.2%	88.9%
Upton Court Grammar School	7	-	1	2	-	3	1	-	-	1	6	9.3	14.3%	85.7%
Slough LA (State Funded)	92	7	18	23	18	20	6	0	0	25	86	-	27.2%	93.5%

Figures based on revised NCER data - February 2019